

Questions from Boma School, Malawi

Do people work far from home?

Yes most people have to travel by car or train to get to work each day. Most children come to school by car, not many walk to school.

Does everyone in the UK speak English?

No most people do, but lots of people in England come from all over the world and so speak many languages.

Are all children happy?

No most children are happy but lots of children argue and fall out over stuff. They always want what someone else has got. They always want more and say 'it's not fair!'

Does everyone like school?

Most people like school. It's fun and we have a big field to play on.

Are people in the UK lazy?

Yes some are. Some people have never had a job and expect to be given money from the government to live off. People who work pay taxes which pay for them. It all started a long time ago so that people didn't die from hunger but people take advantage of it now.

Is there electricity everywhere?

Yes everyone has electricity.

Is it true there is no war or conflicts in the UK?

Yes, there is no war in England but our army go to other parts of the world to fight and help other countries. Sometimes there are conflicts in England. We had riots in August 2011 because the police had shot someone they thought had a gun.

Is there space to build houses?

Yes there is lots of space. We have busy towns with lots of buildings but we also have big open spaces too.

What games do you play at school?

We play netball, football, 'It'-which is a chasing game, rounders, cricket and we do athletics too.

Are there many schools and hospitals?

Yes we have lots and lots of schools and a hospital in every town.

Is it true there is no litter?

No, we do have litter. We don't have as much as Malawi and we are told to put all our rubbish in the bin. Much of our rubbish is recycled like paper, glass and metal. The rest is taken away in a truck to a landfill site and buried.

Is everyone in the UK white skinned?

No England is a good place to live so people come from all over the world and stay. We have people who have all different coloured skin. We have people here from China, Africa, America and all over Europe too.

Is everyone very clean?

No, some people do not wash as much as they should and are dirty. We have lots of water so are very lucky and can bath whenever we like.

Are there many, many people in the UK?

There are about 63 million people living in the UK compared with 15 million in Malawi.

Are there many cars and lots of buildings?

Most people have a car; some families have as many as 3 or even 4 cars. The roads are very busy and petrol is very expensive. There are lots of buildings in all the villages and towns. Some are very tall buildings with 50 floors!

Is the weather cold?

Sometimes it is cold. It can be below freezing in the winter. In the summer it is usually around 22°C.

Is everyone rich?

No, some people are very rich, but lots of people are not. Some people are sleeping on the streets with no home, food or job. Most people are ok though. Everything is very expensive in the UK so although people earn lots they have to pay lots in bills too.

Do you have more food than us?

Yes, people in England eat lots of food and some people are fat. Nearly everyone has enough to eat. Much of our food is imported from other countries and there is a huge variety of different food to eat.

What food do people eat?

People eat pizza, curry, burgers, chips, meat, fish, pasta, vegetables and fruit. Some people cook at home and others buy food ready made from a shop.